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Kennedy Gives Medal to Dulles At CIA Rites

WASHINGTON, Nov. 28 (AP).

—President Kennedy flew to the Central Intelligence Agency headquarters in nearby Langely, Va., Tuesday and presented the National Security Medal to retiring CIA Director Allen W. Dulles.

His quick helicopter flight had not been announced in advance and news photographers were barred from the ceremony.

Dulles, 68, leaves Government service Wednesday, when he will be succeeded by John A. McCone. Mr. Kennedy last September named McCone, a former chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, to take the post.

Mr. Kennedy praised Dulles as "an almost unique figure in our country." Dulles, a former diplomat, wartime spy chief and attorney, has headed the Nation's hush-hush intelligence gathering agency since 1953. Mr. Kennedy noted he had served in various capacities under seven Presidents.

"I know of no man with as great a sense of personal commitment to his work," Mr. Kennedy said.

The President's hop by helicopter for the ceremony was almost as secret as the agency itself.

At the CIA's new headquarters building, employees were notified only Tuesday morning that Mr. Kennedy was to appear to honor their boss.

Press coverage was limited to four newsmen operating under a pool arrangement and the four chosen were notified only a short time before the event.